



PRAYING YOUR BIBLE

Matthew 27:47, Luke 23:46, Acts 4:2–26

November 2

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INTRODUCTION

- Sometimes we approach prayer like we do exercise ...
- Even great prayers throughout history have struggled with this. But there is a practice that can transform this struggle into a joy ...

Pray with you Bible!

Take your bible and make it your prayer book

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

The Psalmists (Psalm 86:15)

Jonah (Jonah 4:2)

Jesus (Matthew 27:46; Luke 23:46)

The apostles (Acts 4:24–26)

YEAH, BUT HOW?

Take a passage, (2 Peter 1:3–11); a prayer (1 Chronicles 29:10–13); a precept (Romans 12:12); or a Psalm (Psalm 23, or the “Psalm of the day”)

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

It says it better

You’re praying divinely endorsed things

It gives you traction

It gets God’s Word in you

It makes prayer a two-way conversation

Bonus: it makes prayer more engaging

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

Try it 1x this week. (And, to find the Psalm of the day: today’s date plus 30 4x times.



PRAYING YOUR BIBLE PRACTICE

CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER

- **Follow Up:**

How did your commitment to pray the Lord's Prayer go this week?

- **Sermon Question:**

What did you enjoy most about this Sunday's sermon?

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Step 1 — Choose a passage

As a group, select one of the recommended passages to pray over:

- **Pray the Psalm of the day:**

- If today is November 1, select Psalm 1, 31, 61, 91 or 121
- If today is November 2, select psalm 2, 32, 62, 92 or 122

- **Other suggested passages:**

- 1 Chronicles 29:10-13
- Romans 12:11-12
- Colossians 1:9-14
- 2 Peter 1:3-11

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Step 2 — Read and reflect together

- What are some highlights or key truths in this passage?
- Which of these points stood out to you personally and why? (See following step ...)

Step 3 — Respond specifically to the passage

According to what you see in this passage, how is God inviting you to respond?

- Praise Him?
- Asking Him for something in specific?
- Thank Him for something that happened?
- Confess a sinful attitude or behavior?

Step 4 — Pray over the passage

Pray together, allowing your prayers to flow naturally from the insights and responses discussed above.

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